

General Meeting Minutes

5.25.2021

I. Call to Order

Ms. Nicole Riggins (Chair) called meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., May 25, 2021

II. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum

Roll was called by Ms. Ebony Ford. The following GO Team Members were present:

Ms. Nicole Riggins

Ms. Ms. Daphne Williams - Young

Ms. Shawntel Hebert

Dr. Diamond M. Ford

Dr. Beverly Tatum

Ms. Keisha Simmons

Ms. Natasha Clarke - Grant

A quorum was present.

III. Action Items (**Quorum is present; proceed to Action Items**)

A. Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved and no changes were made.

<i>GO Team Members In favor</i>	<i>Dr. Beverly Tatum, Ms. Keisha Simmons</i>
<i>GO Team Members Opposed</i>	<i>none</i>
<i>GO Team Members Abstaining</i>	<i>none</i>

B. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were approved and there were no changes made.

<i>GO Team Members In favor</i>	<i>Dr. Diamond Jack - Ford, Dr. Beverly Tatum</i>
<i>GO Team Members Opposed</i>	<i>none</i>
<i>GO Team Members Abstaining</i>	<i>none</i>

IV. Discussion Items

A. Extended school day

- 30 minute extension
- Hollis was in agreement of wanting 30 additional minutes as there was already a plan in place to service special students, i.e. gifted students, high academic students, special education, art students, etc.
- Additional 30 minutes is “highly scripted/structured’ from the district level although no details have been provided
- This has been met with skepticism from Hollis parents as they would like for the additional 30 minutes to be “flexible” so as to meet the needs of the very special demographics and community that Hollis serves

B. District policies and how they pertain to Hollis specifically

- The parent voice is that Hollis needs to have more flexibility for initiatives passed down from the district level as Hollis is unique from other schools in several ways, such as being the only Pre K-8 school, having a high level of special students, etc.

V. Principal’s Report

A. Current/Summer

- Budget approved!
- Filled positions: instructional coach (promoted from within), mathematics coach, behavioral specialist
- District summer school: Hollis and Russell (old Brown Middle School) offering programming from 6/2-6/30, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Fickett Elementary and Long Middle schools are extending the school year
- 437 students enrolled for summer programming at Hollis (*number breakdown on slides*)
- Summer school is FREE.
- Only 15 students per class.
- Attrition for summer school will be a challenge as we compete with other options for children
- Summer Bridge: Hollis specific summer offering for rising 6th graders with a STEM and literacy component

B. 2021-2022 Updates

- Full face to face instruction model
- Approximately 10 students enrolled in Atlanta Virtual Academy (AVA)
- First day of school is 8/5/2021

C. Fall

- Wrap around services and support
- CARE CREW (social workers, counselors, clinical therapists, behavioral and academic support)
- Pyramid model (Tier 1: Universal, Tier 2: Targeted, Tier 3: Intensive)
- CARES funding was used to secure behavioral specialist
- Dr. Ford is thankful for the extended day, especially for the middle schoolers
- Details of funding from community partners such as Coca Cola and Suntrust Bank, funneled through the Westside Future Fund, was the financial source for the special teachers for academic interventions.
- Parent engagement opportunities: Parent Newsletter

VI. Public Comments

- Attendee is going to reach out to Delta Airlines to find out about special programming for gifted students.
- Shoutout to Ms. Howe

VII. Announcements

- GO Team Engagement Session has been rescheduled for June 1st from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- "Tails for Tales" and Atlanta Therapeutic Horse Farm in Chastain Park to work with Hollis

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Tatum and seconded by Ms. Keisha Simmons at 5:51 pm.

***Meeting has been recorded and is available on our Facebook website:*

(<https://www.facebook.com/HollisInnovation>)

***Power Point slides will be posted on our GO Team website:*

(<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/domain/11229>)

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